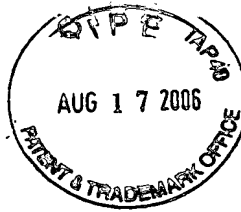


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REQUEST FOR RECONSIDERATION

Commissioner for Patents
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Sir:

In response to the Office Action dated May 17, 2006, please reconsider the patentability of the rejected claims based on the following arguments. Claims 1, 3-12, 14, 18, 19, 21 and 23-30 are pending.

Claims 23, 24 and 27 were rejected under 35 U.S.C. 103(a) as being unpatentable over Chuah (US 6,400,695) in view of Gerszberg (US 6,850,533), claims 1, 14, 19, 21, 25-26 and 28 were rejected under 35 U.S.C. 103(a) as being unpatentable over Chuah in view of Gerszberg and Edholm (U.S. 6,600,721), claims 3-6, 8-12 and 30 were rejected under 35 U.S.C. 103(a) as being unpatentable over Chuah in view of Gerszberg, Edholm and Newton, and claims 7, 18 and 29 were rejected under 35 U.S.C. 103(a) as being unpatentable over Chuah in view of Gerszberg and Williams (US 6,317,455). Applicants traverse the prior art rejections because the cited prior art fails to disclose, teach or suggest all the features recited in the rejected claims. For example, the cited prior art fails to disclose, teach or suggest the claimed layer 2 (L2) flow control information relating to the first and second connection legs being tunnelled through layer 2 (L2) transport protocol (e.g., ATM) of an intermediate second leg which does not support such L2 flow control.

Chuah merely discloses a conventional UMTS access network and UMTS protocol stacks (see, Figs. 1 and 2). Thus, the LAC/LRC/MAC are used in the radio interface Uu and LAC/RLC/IP protocols are used in the interface Iub between node B and the radio network